

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

TABOLINA et al.

Application No.: **10/073,293**

Filing Date: February 13, 2002

For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-AMINO  
ACID USING BACTERIA BELONGING  
TO THE GENUS ESCHERICHIA

Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: GANGLE, Brian J.

Attorney Ref. No.: US-1450

Confirmation No.: 3493

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 CFR §1.114**

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450


Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. The following are submitted:

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114:
  - a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
    - i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
    - ii. ☐ Other
  - b. ☒ Enclosed
    - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
    - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    - iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement
    - iv. ☐ Other
2. Miscellaneous
  - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Periods of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) required).
  - b. ☐ Other
3. Fees – The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
  - a. ☒ Direct payment through EFS-RAM.

- b. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No.
- i. ☐ The RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)
  - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)
  - iii. ☐ Other
- c. ☐ Check in the amount of \$            enclosed
- d. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

Respectfully submitted,

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